GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL AND MINES
LOK SABHA

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COAL SUPPLY TO POWER PLANTS
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Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of power plants/projects have been badly affected in the country due to inadequate coal supply;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure smooth supply of coal to the said plants/projects?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR COAL & MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKER PRASAD)

(a)&(b): No, Sir. Government accords priority to the power sector in giving linkages and supplies of coal. Public sector coal companies, viz, Coal India Limited and Singareni Collieries Company Limited are fully geared to supply coal to various power plants/power utilities in the country. Demand of the power sector and actual supplies made in the last two years are given below:

(Figures in million tonnes)

Year	Demand (As assessed by Planning Commission)	Supplies
1999-2000	217	224.96
2000-2001	227	236.82

(c) : To ensure that power utilities do not suffer for want of coal, Government have established a Standing Linkage Committee(Short-Term) under the Chairmanship of Additional Secretary(Coal) to facilitate coordination of coal movement from various coalfields to the power utilities. The committee meets alongwith all stake holders frequently and ensures that the power utilities get their coal supplies regularly.